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A brief summary of important City Council updates discussed during the April 23, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting are provided below.

### April 23, 2019 ([Meeting Agenda](#))

**Recognition the National Charity League South Bay Chapter in Collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of Carson for Providing the Prom Experience to Low Income Teenage Girls –** Council recognized members from the South Bay Chapter of the National Charity League for their efforts in providing a prom pop-up shop for King/Drew Magnet High School girls. These mother-daughter teams collected dresses, shoes and handbags to outfit 50 girls for prom—well done!



**Los Angeles County Fire Department and McCormick Ambulance Quarterly Update –** Council received and filed an update on fire department and ambulance activities from January to March 2019 (Q1). The Fire Department responded to 371 incidents with an average response time of 4:55 minutes compared to 430 incidents / 4:48 average response time for the same period in 2018 (**NOTE:** the Q1 2018 response time of 4:08 noted in the 4/23/19 staff report should have been reported as 4:48—per last year's 4/24/18 [staff report](#), the average Q1 response time was 4.8 minutes, or 4:48). Q1 Auto Aid calls to Redondo Beach, Manhattan Beach and El Segundo decreased to 54 compared with 74 in Q1 2018. McCormick Ambulance completed 201 transports in Q1 2019 vs. 221 in Q1 2018. Hermosa Beach Fire Station 100 construction is anticipated to commence by July 2019 pending approval of electrical plans.

**City Manager Updates –** City Manager Suja Lowenthal provided updates on the following items:

- **H2O Hotel Construction Project (1429 Hermosa Avenue)** – construction has restarted after delays reported due to weather and contracting issues. The owner anticipates completing construction within six months (October 2019) when the building permit would expire. Two six-month extensions have been granted to the initial two-year permit issued in 2016. The City will continue to monitor the project and Mayor Armato and the City Manager will follow up with the owner on plans for adjacent vacant properties.
- **Five Corners Mixed-Use Project (2700 Manhattan Avenue)** – after delays due to excavation, structural issues and plan changes requiring plan resubmittals, the builder is making good progress on construction. Two six-month permit extensions have been granted and staff will continue to monitor the project through permit expiration in six months (October 2019).



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- **Office Project (910 Hermosa Avenue)** – the builder is making good progress and has until December 2019 under the current permit to complete construction. Previous project updates may have referenced an earlier permit expiration date, but staff is basing the two-year permit term on the issue date of December 2017 for the main structure rather than initial foundation and shoring.
- **8th Street Improvements Construction Contract** – staff will return to Council on May 14, 2019 for consideration of a contract award for sidewalk and curb ramp improvements. This item was initially continued from the April 9, 2019 Council meeting at staff's request for additional bid review, with the intent to return on April 23rd, but staff is awaiting additional information from the low bidder to confirm that contract milestones can be performed as required in a timely manner.
- **2019-20 Capital Improvement Program Council Study Session** – the upcoming April 30, 2019 study session will take place in Council Chambers at 7 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. after closed session.

**Resolution to Oppose Offshore Oil and Gas Drilling** – Council adopted a resolution to protect the coast from offshore oil and gas drilling on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). The U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has proposed a draft 2019-2024 National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program which, if approved, would allow new oil and gas offshore drilling leases to be granted in U.S. waters including off the coast of California, the Arctic and other areas. The California State Lands Commission has had a moratorium on new leases off the California coast since 1969 and no new federal leases have been granted since 1984. By adopting this resolution, Hermosa Beach joins over 70 California cities and counties, and over 340 municipalities nationwide in opposing this proposed federal leasing program.

**Sidewalk Vending Ordinance** – Council adopted an ordinance to regulate sidewalk vending within City limits in compliance with Senate Bill 946 ([SB 946](#)). The ordinance, which will take effect on May 23, 2019, requires sidewalk vendors to obtain a permit from the Public Works Department and a City business license. Sidewalk vendors would need to obtain insurance and comply with requirements including dates/times of operation, restricted locations, types of goods offered for sale, minimum pedestrian clearance (5 feet), use of amplified sound and other limitations. Council added Loreto Plaza (north side of Pier Plaza) to the list of restricted vending locations.

**Hermosa Beach Bus Stop Furnishings** - Council authorized the appropriation of up to \$159,718 in Proposition A transit project funding for the purchase and installation of six bus shelters (replacing two shelters at Pier Avenue/Valley Drive, two shelters at Pier Avenue/Manhattan Avenue, and two new installations on Pacific Coast Highway), benches and trash receptacles. Staff will work with local businesses on the details and timing of Pier Avenue shelter and bench installations. Nearby street light poles will also be repainted using existing colors.

**Role of the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission** – Council approved staff's recommendation to retire the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission and prepare related municipal code changes in favor of forming an Emergency Preparedness Advisory Board to provide the City with continued support and community outreach regarding emergency preparedness. Council and staff thanked Commission members for their dedicated service and invited all to continue their work on the new Advisory Board. The City



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Manager's Office will provide further information on the formation of the Advisory Board with the goal of broadening the group of stakeholders involved in emergency preparedness and having additional flexibility to act on board goals (e.g. promoting training/readiness, updating or establishing emergency contact lists of elderly/disabled individuals, residents with pets, etc.). Council requested the Advisory Board provide periodic updates on emergency preparedness matters.

**Letter of Opposition to SB 50 "More Homes Act of 2019"** – Council approved sending a letter signed by Mayor Armato to State Senator Scott Wiener's office and other interested parties in opposition to Senate Bill 50 ([SB 50](#)) which would mandate cities approve housing projects in jobs-rich areas and near high quality transit hubs. The bill would loosen local planning and zoning requirements on density, parking and building height in designated areas. The City shares concerns over the regional effects of this bill and the pre-emption of local authority with other local entities opposing the legislation including the Cities of Manhattan Beach and Redondo Beach, the League of California Cities, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, and the California Chapter of the American Planning Association. Mayor Pro Tem Campbell, Councilmember Fangary and Councilmember Massey expressed the need to work toward solutions to the state's housing crisis. **NOTE:** shortly after the Council meeting on Wednesday, April 24th, SB 50 was merged with SB 4 and passed the State Senate Governance and Finance Committee with key changes (more details in this April 24 Curbed LA [article](#)). Staff will continue to monitor the progress of SB 50.

### Other Matters:

- **Herondo Drain Infiltration Project** – Councilmember Massey reported the City of Manhattan Beach had approved an amendment to the Beach Cities Watershed Management Group Memorandum of Understanding to share future costs on an infiltration project on North Francisca Avenue in Redondo Beach if the site is determined to be suitable. The Cities of Redondo Beach and Torrance have not yet provided definitive responses in order for a Hermosa Beach-funded feasibility study for North Francisca Avenue to move forward. Torrance is proceeding with expanding a separate infiltration project, but will not yet be withdrawing from the group. The City continues to provide project updates to the State Water Resources Control Board in order to retain the \$3.1 million infiltration project grant.
- **South Bay Cities Council of Governments Representation** – at the request of Councilmember Fangary, Council will consider appointment of a primary representative for the South Bay Cities Council of Governments at the next Council meeting. Councilmember Fangary currently serves as Hermosa Beach's primary representative with Mayor Pro Tem Campbell as the designated alternate.
- **Downtown Subcommittee** – Mayor Armato and Councilmember Massey reported on prospective new lighting selections at Pier Plaza and Hermosa Avenue and Parking Lot A trash compactor nuisance issues to be addressed with Athens Services.
- **Hawthorne Airport Noise Issues** – Mayor Armato advised community airport noise concerns had been passed along at a meeting of the KHR Communities Network Committee.



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- **Summer Concert Series** – Mayor Armato reported on progress with event producer 5B Artists + Media and advised additional Summer Concert Series details would be forthcoming next month.
- **Theatre Needs Assessment RFP** – Mayor Armato advised that the Community Resources Department would be issuing a Request for Proposals soon on a Needs Assessment for the Community Theatre (710 Pier Avenue).
- **Los Angeles County West Vector and Vector-Borne Control District Board** – Mayor Pro Tem Campbell requested a future update from the City's representative (James Fasola) appointed by Council on January 8, 2019.
- **Tentative Future Agenda Items:**
  - City Manager Suja Lowenthal advised that Council's upcoming Revenue Study Session would be rescheduled from May to July 2019.
  - Mayor Pro Tem Campbell requested that more detail be provided on the Tentative Future Agenda to assist in prioritizing upcoming items.
  - Councilmember Massey requested that Grades of Green and the Hermosa Beach City School District be recognized for their efforts to reduce single use plastic and Styrofoam usage during the Presentations portion of a future Council meeting.
  - Councilmember Duclos requested that the single use plastics ordinance, short term vacation rentals in commercial zones, and Beach Cities Health District Youth Health Issues joint study session be prioritized on a future agenda.
  - Mayor Armato requested City branding be prioritized on a future agenda.
  - Mayor Armato and Councilmember Fangary requested that the June 25, 2019 Council meeting be rescheduled or cancelled. Staff will coordinate Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget approval by Council based on the finalization of the June meeting schedule.

**A CITY COUNCIL MEETING / STUDY SESSION TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2019 AT 7 P.M. IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS (CLOSED SESSION TO COMMENCE AT 6 P.M.).**

**THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2019.**

Questions or comments? Contact the Assistant to the City Manager Nico De Anda-Scaia Monday through Thursday, 7AM – 6PM at (310) 318-0201 or via email at [ndeanda@hermosabch.org](mailto:ndeanda@hermosabch.org)

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